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## **AUGUST MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM JULY**

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during August were up from a month earlier, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. The price of corn and hay increased also. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$23.20 per hundredweight of milk sold during August, up 20 cents from July and \$5.20 more than August a year ago.

Grain corn, at \$7.74 per bushel, was up 33 cents from July and up \$3.41 from last year. Hay averaged \$124 per ton, up \$3 from July and \$17 higher than prices received August 2010.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 182 percent, based on 1990--1992=100, increased 2 points (1.1 percent) from July. The Crop Index is up 2 points (1.0 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 3 points (1.9 percent). Producers received higher prices for wheat, corn, and eggs and lower prices for lettuce, potatoes, and soybeans. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, sweet corn, and barley offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, corn, and strawberries. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at [www.nass.usda.gov/ny](http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny).

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